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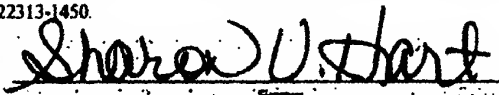
For: Implantable Osteogenic Material

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**ELECTION AND RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 19, 2003**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003, and having a one month shortened statutory response period. Applicants enclose a three month extension of time, extending the response period to October 20, 2003. However, Applicant requests that the Applicant not be charged with any fee for extension of time, because the species election imposed by the Examiner is improvidently made for reasons set forth hereinbelow. Accordingly, Applicant requests that a new Office Action be sent with a proper articulation of the species election requirement imposed by the Examiner. It is believed that no additional fee is due. However, please charge any such fee to Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2009.009900.

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, directed to a "method and apparatus for testing prosthetic heart valves," and an "apparatus for